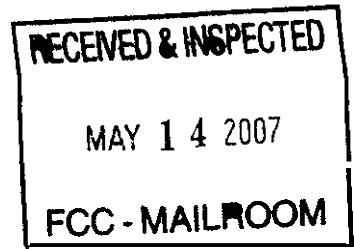


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May 7, 2007

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 02-60 (Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program)

Office of the Secretary:

I am writing to express my support for the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network and their possibility of participating in the FCC's Rural Health Care Mechanism Pilot Program. If this project was funded, you would be supporting the continued collaboration and development of the Rural Healthcare Network in the Panhandle of Nebraska.

As the Mayor of Oshkosh, I believe that we need to pursue technology and cooperation on a regional level. This project does both. It pushes the availability of technology to rural areas and strengthens the existing bonds of healthcare providers.

When you live in the Nebraska Panhandle, rural means frontier levels of population and hundreds of miles between health care providers. Your support of this undertaking would decrease those obstacles and increase our connectivity. This could be an opportunity for your funding to truly make a difference; impacting our lives in a real way. You could help move healthcare in the panhandle forward, save lives, bolster regional relationships and provide preventative healthcare measures for the area residents.

The Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network has been collaborating for many years. They have proven success on a regional and national level. I feel they have the foundation and ability to make this pilot project a reality.

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Thank you for giving this project your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia S. Talley".

Cynthia S. Talley
Mayor
Oshkosh, Nebraska

cc: file

cc: Gerri Nelson, CEO Garden County Health Services

cc: Honorable Kevin J. Martin

cc: Honorable Michael J. Copps

cc: Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein

cc: Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate

cc: Honorable Robert M. McDowell

cc: Jeremy Marcus, Telecommunications Access Policy Division; Wireline
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